“The Lottery” Stops (Honors)

PLEASE DO THESE ON A SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER AND NEATLY AND IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

Additionally, beside each question is a \_\_\_\_. Please fill in the blank with one of the three symbols to indicate their meaning.

✓ = I understand the information in this passage.

🗶 = I think I understand this passage.

? = I do not understand this passage.

Before Reading: (Predictive Powers)

1. What are some things you’d expect out of a lottery? What might you expect at the end of the story based on the title alone?

During Reading:

1. First Paragraph

What are your impressions of this village based on the descriptions found in the first paragraph? Does it remind you of any place you’ve been to? Consider the element of time as it is introduced in the first paragraph.

1. 2nd-4th Paragraph

What’s the reaction (so far) by the villagers to the pile of stones and the black box? Think of the children as well. What could we conclude about the names of two characters paired together, Mr. Summers and Mr. Graves?

1. 5th-7th Paragraph
2. What’s the name of the oldest man in town? What can be read into his name given his most typical statements during the lottery?
3. What color is the box? Why does Mr. Summers want to get a new one?
4. What originality can we tell (so far) has been lost, no longer continued or substituted when performing the lottery? You should be able to list at least three things?
5. (Bonus Question) Why do you think the author is telling us what the lottery is NOT doing before explaining what it is doing?
6. 8th - 9th Paragraph
7. Who’s the last to arrive to the Lottery? What are his or her attitudes to the crowd when he or she arrives?
8. What kinds of attitudes, actions, or adjectives are being used to describe the atmosphere now that the lottery has begun? Are all the attitudes the same?
9. How would you feel if you were part of this lottery at this point of the story? Why?

There’s a conversation between three characters on that shows a lot about how they feel about the lottery. Do they agree or disagree?

2. Now the ball is rolling (the lottery is coming to a close), and we know which family will have a winner. How do we know the outcome of the lottery is a good or bad thing? Explain what you think the outcome will be and select clues from this page as to why you would think so.
3. Did you change the way you would feel if you were in this lottery?

**Last Page of “The Lottery” (Honors)**

H. Last Page

Who is the winner of the lottery? Think of how you would reach to winning a kind of lottery we discussed earlier in class. Who in this story is possibly sharing that same reaction?

I. Last Page

1. What object from the beginning of the story is brought back to the ending?
2. What is Adams doing at the front of the crowd? List your reasons why you think so.
3. How may the imagery at the end of the story compare or contrast to the imagery provided at the beginning of the story?

After Reading: (Graphic Memory)

J. Draw your impression of the town center, the place where the lottery ritual occurs. Position **at least 5** of the following story elements in the proper relation to each other:

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| Old Man Warner | The Stool with the Black Box | Pile of Stones |
| Mrs. Hutchinson | Mr. and Mrs. Adams | The Delacroix family |
| The Dunbar Family | Mr. Graves | Where the Final Act occurs. |